

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1655–1660, and S. Res. 286–287. **Page S6185**

Measures Passed:

Filipino American History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 287, designating October 2011 as “Filipino American History Month”. **Pages S6275–76**

Measures Considered:

Currency Exchange Rate Oversight Reform Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 1619, to provide for identification of misaligned currency, require action to correct the misalignment, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S6152–77**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 694, to change the enactment date. **Page S6152**

Reid Amendment No. 695 (to Amendment No. 694), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6152**

Reid Motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 696, to change the enactment date. **Page S6152**

Reid Amendment No. 697 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 696) of the motion to commit), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6152**

Reid Amendment No. 698 (to Amendment No. 697), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6152**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, October 6, 2011, with the time until 10:30 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees. **Page S6276**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Patty Shwartz, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:09 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2011. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6276.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICIT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the economic implications of the Federal budget deficit, after receiving testimony from Maya MacGuineas, New America Foundation Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, American Action Forum, both of Washington, D.C.; and Roger C. Altman, Evercore Partners, New York, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Adrienne S. O’Neal, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to

Sweden, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ernest Mitchell, Jr., of California, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine food service

management contracts, focusing on if contractors are overcharging the government, after receiving testimony from Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; John F. Carroll, State of New York Assistant Attorney General, New York; and Charles Tiefer, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland.

THE ROLE OF JUDGES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine considering the role of judges under the Constitution of the United States, after receiving testimony from Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, and Associate Justice Antonin Scalia, both of The Supreme Court of the United States.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3094–3113; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 422–424 were introduced. **Pages H6623–25**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6625–27**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2594, to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–232 Pt. 1);

H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law (H. Rept. 112–233);

H.R. 1263, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–234);

H.R. 2074, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–235); and

H.R. 2302, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–236). **Page H6623**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Hartzler to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6557**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6566**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Returning unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: H.R. 1343, amended, to return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States. **Pages H6570–73**

Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities. **Pages H6573–H6617**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule. **Page H6581**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section to instruct the EPA Administrator not